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ARTICLE ON TREATMENT OF ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS  
TO U. S.

1. MEXICO CITY DAILIES EXCELSIOR, NOVEDADES, EL HERALDO, EL DIA, EL SOL, AND EL UNIVERSAL THIS MORNING HEADLINED AND DEVOTED COVERAGE OF SEVERAL COLUMNS ON FRONT PAGE AND INTERIOR PAGES TO STORY ON TREATMENT OF ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS TO U. S. WHICH APPEARED IN N. Y. TIMES, SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 1973. MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS SUMMARIZE TIMES ARTICLE AND STRESS TIMES ASSERTION THAT MEXICAN PRESIDENT LUIS ECHEVERRIA DOES NOT KNOW OF SITUATION AND WOULD RECTIFY IT IF HE DID. ARTICLES FURTHER MENTION THAT WILLIAM HIGGS, HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY, DELIVERED AN URGENT REQUEST TO PETER RODINO, PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE, TO INVESTIGATE THE EXPULSION OF MEXICAN CITIZENS WHO WORK IN THE U. S.

2. ULTIMAS NOTICIAS, THE AFTERNOON EDITION OF THE MC DAILY EXCELSIOR, TODAY FEATURED AN INTERVIEW WITH LIC. JUAN BARONA LOBATO, ASST. JURIDICAL CONSULTOR OF THE FONSEC AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FONSEC ON THE GOM INTERSECRETARIAL COMMISSION ON THE PROBLEMS ARISING FROM SURREPTITIOUS MEXICAN IMMIGRATION INTO THE U. S., CREATED LAST YEAR BY PRES ECHEVERRIA. IN COMMENTING  
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UPON YESTERDAY'S ARTICLE BY THE NY TIMES ON ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRATION INTO THE U. S., BARONA SAID THAT EXPLOITATION OF MEXICAN WORKERS DOES EXIST ALONG THE U. S.- MEXICAN BORDER IN SOME AGRICULTURAL AREAS OF THE U. S. BUT THAT THE GOM , IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S., IS TRYING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. HE STATED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT US OFFICIALS RECEIVE BRIBES FROM DEPORTED MEXICANS, WHO BRIBE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WHEN THEY PAY MONEY TO AIRLINES OR BUS COMPANIES TO AVOID BEING TAKEN INTO THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO. HE NOTED THAT THE GOM IS AWARE THAT MANY DEPORTED MEXICANS, BUT FEWER THAN THE 100,000 CLAIMED IN TIMES' ARTICLE, IMMEDIATELY RE- ENTER THE U. S. BARONA DESCRIBED THIS ENTRY AS SURREPTITIOUS RATHER THAN AS ILLEGAL, A COMPLICATED PROBLEM OF RAMIFICATIONS WHICH THE GOM IS SERIOUSLY STUDYING FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U. S. AND THE MEXICAN COMMISSIONS STUDYING THE PROBLEM WOULD SOON BE ABLE TO MEET TO COMPARE THEIR RESPECTIVE REPORTS.

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